

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-39 are pending in the referenced application. Claims 1, 19, 30, and 39 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims, 1, 19, and 30.

Drawings

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to indicate whether the originally filed drawings are acceptable.

Interview Summary

An Examiner Interview was conducted on February 5, 2008. An Interview Summary of the aforementioned Examiner Interview was mailed on February 22, 2008. During Examiner Interview, the Examiners and the Applicant's representative discussed the Office Action mailed on December 12, 2007. At the close of the Examiner Interview, the Examiners agreed that the proper meaning of the term "cable distribution box" was not considered during the preparation of the aforementioned Office Action. In view of this, the Examiners agreed to withdraw the aforementioned action and issue new non-final Office Action.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7, 12-15, 19-21, 25-27, and 33-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0128508. In view of the Interview Summary mailed on February 22, 2008, this rejection is now moot pending the issuance of a new non-final Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8, 9, 10, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0128508 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,472,973. In view of the Interview Summary mailed on February 22, 2008, this rejection is now moot pending the issuance of a new non-final Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 24, 31, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0128508 in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0147982. In view of the Interview Summary mailed on February 22, 2008, this rejection is now moot pending the issuance of a new non-final Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 17, 18, 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0128508 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,694,398. In view of the Interview Summary mailed on February 22, 2008, this rejection is now moot pending the issuance of a new non-final Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17065/004001).

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